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## VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk and Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Notification of Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s Acquisition of its Wholly-Owned

Subsidiary, HTC Communications, LLC, Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-310.

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the notice filed by Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc., dated November 18, 2010, and ORS is in agreement that S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-310 specifically exempts the proposed transaction from Commission approval. Notwithstanding the exemption provided in Section 58-9-310, ORS does not object to the proposed transaction.

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cc: M. John Bowen, Jr. Esquire (via electronic mail)